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T.S.C.C. NOTES

It was announced at the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club January meeting that the U.S.A. would likely issue a "Peace Stamp" to celebrate the 100 years of continuous peace between Canada and the U.S.A. and would be symbolized by a picture on the stamp of the Suspension Bridge which was opened on August 1st, 1848. (See report of broadcast on this subject, by Third Assistant Postmaster Lawler, in "Stamps" January 10th issue, pp. 66.) The meeting unanimously approved the suggestion that the club write our P.M.G. suggesting that Canada issue a peace stamp at the same time. This was done and Deputy Postmaster Turnbull writes: "The suggestion has been noted with interest and will be taken under consideration."

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270 14c Peace	U	.26	2.30
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The Stamp Album

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Revenue Secret Marks — A Dating Code

By BILL STAMP

Nothing in recent years has pleased me more than to find in the November POPULAR STAMPS Tom Fletcher's fine article on the Secret Marks in Revenues. It is my shame and my regret that it took the publication of such a piece to bring Ole Bill back out of his retreat. But now the subject has been reopened, it seems like a good idea to cover it exhaustively as possible, in order that future generations of revenue collectors may have some clear idea as to what is and is not known.

To begin with, Fletcher is correct in his assumption that the British American Bank Note Company continued to make revenue stamps for the Government even after the contract for postal issues had passed over to the Canadian Bank Note Co. On this point I have the authoritative word of a Government official.

However, I cannot agree with my friend and fellow-enthusiast that the letter-pairs indicate (by their initial letter) the name of the engraver of the stamps. It has been for some time, and is still, my firm opinion that these hidden letters represent a dating code. There are just too many indications of the truth of this to be winked at. Mr. Fletcher gave you, I fear, a bum steer when he mentioned the EX 2 1/4c and HQ 9/40c excise stamps as appearing (both) "about 1940." The 2 1/4c stamps appeared in 1936; the 9/40c in 1939. Both appear in the year in which they **should** appear according to my theoretical dating code system.

In passing, just to clarify the record, let us note that the 2 1/4c 3-leaf excise stamp bears the letters E-X, and **not** E-K as erroneously noted in the Fletcher article.

Succinctly, my "dating code" theory is this: That beginning in 1932 the manufactures made an attempt to indicate the order of completion of revenue stamps by concealing in the designs of these fiscals letters rising in alphabetical progression by the system A-A, A-B, A-C, etc. The breakdown by years, then, is:

A—1932
B—1933
C—1934
D—1935
E—1936
F—1937
G—1938
H—1939
I—1940
J—1941
K—1942
L—1943
M—1944
N—1945
O—1946
P—1947

Like my colleague, I have not succeeded in locating all of the possible combinations. This is one of the reasons I have been so slow in putting my decisions into print. For too long I have kept hoping I would eventually be able to offer Canadian revenue collectors a complete list. But now it seems wise to augment Mr. Fletcher's list with one of my own and hope other collectors may, after checking our findings, fill in the missing letters.

Herewith, then, a more complete list of letter-pairs:

A—1932

AA—5 cgr, upright	AM—10c ex
AB—3c ex	AN—1/12 str
AC—10 cte	AO—
AD—20 cte	AP—1/11 str
AE—1/16 str	AQ—
AF—2c ex	AR—1/18 str
AG—1/13 str	AS—1/10 str
AH—10 cgr, oblong	AT—6c ex
AI—	AU—
AJ—2/15 str	AV—1/9 pch
AK—1/15 str	AW—1/14 str
AL—25 cte	AX—1/8 str
	AY—1/9 str
	AZ—1/20 str

Note: The only differences between this and the Fletcher listings (excepting some added items) is the fact that I designate to 1932 four items which he noted as issued in 1935, to wit: AB, AF, AM, & AT. For the accuracy of this, see the CRS publication of March 10, 1946, listing these as prepared and issued in 1932.

B—1933

BA—5 cte
BB—18 cte
BC—8 cte
BD—
BE—2/15 pch
BF—25 cte lg
BG—5c customs
BH—20 cte lg
BI—
BN—
BO—
BP—
BQ—
BR—
BS—
BT—50 cgr lg
BU—
BV—1/7 str
BJ—2c customs
BK—18 cte lg
BL—1/12 snuff
BM—1c customs
BW—1 caddy
BX—
BY—1/2 str
BZ—10c customs

Note: Again the only difference between our two listings is in the addition of many missing letter-pairs and a designation of the date of preparation from Mr. Fletcher's "1934 or 1935" to what I believe to be the proper 1933. Also note that it is conceivable that a stamp might be **engraved** in 1933, yet not released until the following year.

C—1934

CC—3c & 6c checks (?)
CE—50 & 100 cte lg

Note: So few C stamps are known that it seems needless to list an entire and for the most part blank alphabet. CC above is offered merely as a suggestion. It is doubtful whether these embossed cheque stamps were intended as part of the dating code series.

D—1935

DA—3/16 ex
DN—50 cte, upright

E—1936

EA—
EB—
EC—1/13 pch
ED—1/17 pch
EE—24 cte
EF—
EG—1 str
EH—2 1/2 malt
EI—1/10 pch
EJ—3/20c ex
EK—
EL—
EM—1/12 pch
EN—
EO—$5 Law
EP—2/5 str
EQ—
ER—
ES—6 cgr, upright
ET—$1 ex
EU—2/9 str
EV—3/8 ex
EW—50c ex
EX—2 1/4c ex
EY—1/5 str
EZ—10c Law

Note: Mr. Fletcher erroneously lists EK—2 1/4c ex. This is actually EX, as noted above. I have expunged from the listing certain coded stamps pre-dating the beginnings of this "system", as the 2-leaf 2 1/4c stamp, etc. Actually, there were several. The letter "A" appears on the 1/10c 2-leaf excise stamp, and "EX" appears on the $100 2-leaf. The reason for these experiments is not clear.

F—1937

None known.

G—1938

None known.

H—1939

HA—
HB—
HC—2 plug
HD—3 plug
HE—
HF—
HG—$1 law
HH—
HI—1/2 plug
HJ—5 caddy
HK—2/21 pch
HL—1 1/2 plug
HM—5 cgr, upright
HN—10 cgr, upright
HO—
HP—2/23 pch
HQ—9/40 ex
HR—
HS—40 cte
HT—23 cte
HU—9 cte
HV—22 cte
HW—23 cte lg
HX—2/31 str
HY—1/11 pch
HZ—2/25 str

Note: Fletcher lists the 2/23 pch label as "HL", contrary to my findings. I see HL on the 1 1/2 lb plug label and HP on the 2/23 pouch. It is interesting to note how accurately this "dating code system"—if, indeed, it be one!—follows concurrent needs for certain stamps. One can almost imagine the orders being issued for new denominations to take care of increased tax rates . . . followed by the subsequent release of these stamps.

I—1940

IA—2/29 str
IB—2/19 pch
IC—2/19 str
ID—1/13 snuff
IE—2/27 pch
IF—2/17 str
IO—2/27 str
IP—3/10 ex
IQ—1/2 ex
IR—1/4 ex
IS—25c W.S.S.
IT—1/17 str

IG—
IH—4 cte
II—
IJ—22 cte lg
IK—20c ex
IL—
IM—5c ex
IN—1/5 ex
IU—1/4, 1/2 & 1 raw leaf str
IV—1c ex
IW—2/23 str
IX—7 cte
IY—
IZ—2/21 str

Note: Mr. Fletcher has misread the blue 25c War Savings Stamp as "PS" (?); this stamp is clearly "IS"—as it should be by the dating code! Both letters will be found on the same scroll . . . a rather unusal position no doubt accounting for Mr. Fletcher's failure to find the proper letters.

J—1941

JA—12 cte
JS—1 plug
JT—1/6 str
JX—1/4 str

K—1942

KA—$25 ex
KD—1/8 pch
KL—70c ex
KQ—2/17 pch
KS—1/3 str
KU—6 cgr, oblong

Note: It seems well to mention here that designation of colors for the various stamps is unnecessary and possibly confusing. For instance, it is needless to designate ET as $1 violet, since the same die is used again, and ET is also found on the $1 green issued almost ten years later.

L—1943

LA—2/35 str
LB—
LC—
LD—100 cgr
LE—
LF—
LG—
LH—$5 ex
LI—1/2 caddy
LJ—
LK—15c ex
LL—
LM—
LN—
LO—$2 ex
LP—$3 ex
LQ—$4 ex
LR—24 cte lg
LS—$10 ex
LT—25c ex
LU—4c ex
LV—12c ex
LW—30c ex
LX—1/15 pch
LY—8c ex
LZ—

Note: The student of Canadian revenues will here see the strongest evidence for the "dating code" theory. The alphabetical progression for the above excise stamps follows precisely the order in which these new denominations made their appearance during the hectic war years period. I believe Mr. Fletcher's PN (?) to be a misreading for DN in the case of the 50c cigarette stamp. I have already commented on his PS reading for the 25c War Saving Stamp. I find his "TS" (?) for the 1 lb plug to be really JS. In other words, I find no "odd letter-pairs" which do not fit neatly into the code as theorized.

I believe students of these hidden letter-pairs may be interested in having available a cross-index of the pairs as found on stamps of different types, in order that they may cross-check the above the more readily with their albums. I append, therefore, the following cross-reference series:

Raw Leaf Tobacco Strips:

1/4, 1/2 & 1 lb. (all)	IU

Embossed Cheque Stamps:

3c & 6c (both)	CC

War Savings Stamps (blue):

25c	IS

Malt Syrup Stamp:

2 1/2 lb.	EH

Snuff Stamps:

1/12	BL
1/13	ID

Supreme Court Law Stamps:

10c	EZ	$5	EO
$1	HG		

Tobacco: Caddy:

1/2	LI	5	HJ
1	BW		

Customs Duty Stamps:

1c	BM	5c	BG
2c	BJ	10c	BZ

Tobacco: Plug:

1/2	HI	2	HC
1	JS	3	HD
1 1/2	HL		

Cigar Stamps:

5, upright	HM	10, upright	HN
5, oblong	AA	10, oblong	AH
6, upright	ES	50	BT
6, oblong	KU	100	LD

Tobacco: Pouch:

2/15	BE	1/12	EM
1/8	KD	2/25	
2/17	KQ	1/13	EC
1/9	AV	2/27	IE
2/19	IB	1/14	
1/10	EI	2/29	IS
2/21	HK	1/15	
1/11	HY	1/16	LX
2/23	HP	1/17	ED

Cigarette Stamps:

4	IH	22	HV
5	BA	22, tall	IJ
7	IX	23	HT
8	BC	23, tall	HW
9	HU	24	EE
10	AC	24, tall	LR
12	JA	25	AL
18	BB	25, tall	BF
18, tall	BK	40	HS
20	AD	50	DN
20, tall	BH	50 & 100 str	CE

Excise Tax Stamps:

3/20	EJ	10	AM
3/16	DA	12	LV
1/5	CC	15	LK
9/40	HQ	20	IK
1/4	IR	25	LT

3/10	IP	30	LW
3/8	EV	50	EW
1/2	IQ	70	KL
1	IV	$1	ET
2	AF	$2	LO
2 1/4	EX	$3	LP
3	AB	$4	LQ
4	LU	$5	LH
5	IM	$10	LS
6	AT	$25	KA
8	LY		

Tobacco: Strips:

1/2	BY	2/23	IW
2/5	EP	1/12	AN
1/3	KS	2/25	HZ
1/4	JX	1/13	AG
2/9	EU	2/27	IO
1/5	EY	1/14	AW
2/11		2/29	IA
1/6	JT	1/15	AK
2/13		2/31	HX
1/7	BU	1/16	AE
2/15	AJ	2/33	
1/8	AX	1/17	IT
2/17	IF	2/35	LA
1/9	AY	1/18	AR
2/19	IC	2/37	
1/10	AS	1/19	
2/21	IZ	1/20	AZ
1/11	AP	1 lb.	EG

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CANADIAN TOPICS

"The stamp and I"
by Phil Atts

I hear that Phil Atts will soon be appearing in an issue of Popular Stamps running to 3000 numbers: call that 10,000 readers and you have a small city. Quite a responsibility, indeed I shiver to think of it: so help me.

Well, I guess I am allowed to say "I told you so" occasionally. So, let me remind you that I reviewed Winthrop Boggs' book on Canada before anyone, and I ran my neck out at that time to predict that the Crawford medal was his for the asking. The award to Boggs of this coveted honour has just been announced.

Of course there's a bit of inside history as to why some people got their name in the front of Boggss' monumental two volumes: and more particularly why some didn't. That's a bit of contemporary history which cannot bear the light of day till two or three decades have spun past.

Figures of the number of Bell stamps issued just announced. Just in passing my guess is that the same number of "Citizenship" stamps were issued. The Bell stamp was on sale for four months. The Citizenship stamp has now been going seven and one-half months (this is written January 24th). So you can draw your own conclusions from that. The Bell stamp really had something and it wasn't that "New Look" found on the Citizenship stamp.

Col. Weatherbie of Ottawa writes me to say that he also has a "Double Paper" variety of the recent Christmas seal. The Colonel is a real seal enthusiast and while I can't confirm it, my guess is that he has one of the finest seal collections in Canada. If you want to see "color" you should really arrange to look over his collection of Christmas seals.

Passing conversation with a booklet collector prompts me to add to my last month's column that the new combination booklet is larger in overall dimensions than Canadian booklets of the past. That will class as another departure.

Walter Pollock's "Canada Corner" in "Western Stamp Collector" is well worth following. Nelson Bond's write-up of the new Scott catalogue is well worth a look-see. Bond has been pioneering for some long overdue changes in Canadian listings and it is interesting to note that many of the changes that he has been advocating in the columns of "B N A Topics" have been carried out. W. J. Scott, K.C., of Toronto writes an occasional column called "Canada Calling" for Weekly Philatelic Gossip which carries interesting reading. Considering the popularity of B. N. A. with United States collectors, the meagre covering we get in U.S.A. journals is surprising.

"Sloane's Column" in "Stamps" for Jan. 17th has a sketch entitled "The Druggist Sells Stamps". A perusal of this interesting little story prompts me to follow it with an interesting theory, as the article deals with the fact that many of the early U.S.A. "Locals" had much to do with the early drug stores in the Fifties and Sixties, where usually these "Locals" could be purchased. S. Allan Taylor, that notorious manufacturer of forged "Locals", who started on his ill-starred career in Montreal, was a chemist and druggist of sorts. Prior to his coming to Montreal at the start of the American Civil War he obtained a great deal of information on American "Locals" while working as a youth in New York City. It may well be that here is the reason why Taylor the chemist and Taylor the "Local" expert were combined in the one man. An interesting theory, I calls it.

And incidentally "Western Stamp Collector" last July published an article on Taylor containing quite a bit of misinformation about this remarkable man, who was born in Scotland, not in New York and who died in 1912 not in 1906. W.S.C. says "Of his end there appears to be no trace". Actually there is plenty and it can be got right here from Phil Atts.

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Notes from James S. Hanney's "History of Acadia", Published by J. and A. McMillan, 1879

Contributed by A Cagy

The "History of Acadia" by James S. Hanney was published by J. and A. McMillan of Saint John, N.B. in 1879.

Its opening chapter records various early voyages to the northern part of America. The paragraphs having reference to the voyage of Sir Humphrey Gilbert are of especial interest to those collecting Newfoundland issues. The following notes are abstracted and condensed for the records of those who annote their collections. They are in no way the result of research by the writer.

Sir Humphrey Gilbert was an elder brother of Sir Walter Raleigh. In 1583 he outfitted and equipped a flotilla of five vessels for the purpose of founding a colony in the New World. No previous expedition had been better equipped for the purpose of discovery and colonization. The Company consisted of 260 persons, many of whom were mechanics, such as: shipwrights, carpenters, masons, blacksmiths and mental workers. Ample supplies and articles of barter were included in the cargoes. In fact, Hanney records that "Nothing that the skill and ingenuity of that age coul devise appears to have been omitted.

In spite of this, from the outset the voyage turned out to be unfortunate. Two days after sailing a contagious disease broke out on the "Raleigh." This was the largest ship in the fleet and had been outfitted by Sir Walter Raleigh. This situation forced the "Raleigh" to return to port. The other four ships continued their voyage and encountered a very foggy and disagreeable passage, but finally reached St. John's, Newfoundland, only to find 36 vessels of various nationalities already there.

Sir Gilbert, however, by virtue of the commissions granted him by the Crown took possession of the Island in the name of Queen Elizabeth and enacted and proclaimed laws for the government of the Colony. These laws had three main regulations:—

(1) That public exercise of religion should be according to the Church of England.

(2) For the maintenance of Her Majesty's rights and possession of the territory offending parties could be adjudged and executed in cases of high treason.

(3) Persons speaking dishonorably of Her Majesty could have their ears chopped off and their property confiscated.

Considerable time was spent in the search for silver ore and a quantity was obtained, the value of which will never be known, for it was loaded upon the "Delight", which was lost with its entire crew on the coast of Cape Breton. This event and the advice of his officers induced Gilbert to return to England.

He hoisted his flag on the "Squirrel", the smallest ship of his fleet. In fact, it was a mere "brat" of ten tons burthen. In mid-Atlantic they ran into a terrific storm which placed all the remaining ships in danger. During the day the "Squirrel labored dangerously and was nearly overwhelmed", but Sir Gilbert sat calmly in the stern reading a book. When the Golden Hinde approached and tried to have Sir Gilbert transfer to the larger ship, Gilbert replied: "We are as near to Heaven on sea as by land."

At mid-night the lights of the Squirrel disappeared. The mighty ocean had swallowed up the frail craft and her gallant commander.

The Golden Hinde reached England late in September, and was the only vessel of the original fleet to return. The loss of Sir Humphrey Golbert was a sad loss to the New World as well as to the old.

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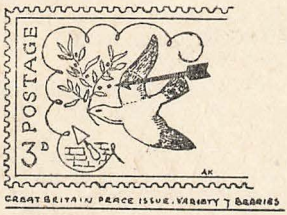

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G.R.V. ENTERTAINED

The Brantford Stamp Club was host to the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association on Monday evening, January 26th, President Howard Cant of Galt presiding at the meeting. Interesting news items were given by several members.

One of the topics for discussion was the showing of Stamps for Exhibition purposes. There was a decided feeling against members having to supply frame holding 6 or 12 standard album leaves. Miss M. Hanselman told of the program of the Canadian Philatelic Society Annual Convention to be held in Brantford on April 16th and 17th.

The draws were won by Miss M. Hanselman, Brantford; W. Hall, Kitchener; Miss E. Shaw, Brantford; the door prize was won by W. Allendorf, Kitchener.

A splendid auction was held under the capable hammer of Jack Fraser, Galt, a number of good items changing hands.

The Refreshment Committee consisting of Mrs. G. Willoughby, Mrs. M. Benson, Mrs. B. Hasler, Mrs. D. Buttenham, and Mrs E. D. Taylor were congratulated on their tasty luncheon served at the conclusion of the meeting.

How To Obtain Better Stamp Designs

Writing under the above title in the Autumn, 1947, issue of "Canadian Art", Donald W. Buchanan makes suggestions regarding securing better stamp designs. Deploring the prevailing tendency to rely on photographs for models of stamps, he draws attention to the beauty in Swiss stamps shown in the mountain scenes by Swiss native artists.

To quote from him:

The Montreal painter, Marc Fortin, can draw Quebec landscape in a way that should be suitable for such work; also Charles Comfort is capable of producing equally broad and direct renderings of landscape. Then, too, Will Ogilvie of Toronto, who made a reputation for himself as a war artist by means of his many carefully studied, yet unfettered, drawings of troops and Italian towns, has a similar talent, which could be utilized. Various other names, of course, come to mind; for example, A. J. Casson and Thoreau MacDonald, who is an illustrator of fine books.

Of coure, the artists, whose drawings were selected for this purpose would, each in turn, have to be brought to Ottawa for a few days so that the engravers at the bank note companies could consult with them regarding any minor changes in the drawings which the technique of engraving might demand

As for compositions in bas-relief that might be utilized in this way, we have at least one sculptor, Emanuel Hahn, whose work should prove acceptable. We all know how excellent that coin design of his is, the "Bluenose Schooner" on our ten cent pieces. He has also done trial designs for coins that might easily be changed to bas-reliefs on which the engraving of stamp could be based.

Final decision, of course, as to what new stamps are to be issued must be taken by the responsible minister, and, at times, complicated considerations of national policy must enter into the making of such decisions. For these reasons, definite authorization for preparing some special stamp, like the Citizenship one, is occasionally obtained as little as six months before the required date of printing. At such short notice, sufficient study and care cannot be given to the selection of proper designs.

The alternative lies in the provision of a budget for financing experimental work. Stamps on a score of subjects, from landscape and industry to commemorative topics, could be worked out in cooperation with a large panel of suitable artists and technician-engravers, over a number of years. Then when the need arose for new stamps, this reservoir of material of merit could be brought forward for consideration and final selection. Only in that way can we hope to start now, almost from scratch, to build up a reputation for quality in our postal issues. The imprint of Canada, as it goes on envelopes across the world, must not continue to spell mediocrity. Our stamps, instead, must stress our authentic spirit, be hall-marks of "the true north, strong and free."

REGINA AND BELL ODDITIES

In P.S. of Oct. 1947 (p 17) Mr. H. H. Bell asks about the raised G and N in the Regina Grain Exhibition overprint on 20c. I have a block of 4 corresponding to his, except that the broken X is in the lower left stamp, whereas his is in the upper left. Both the stamps on the right side of this block show the raised G and N, but those on the left do not. Nor do seven other single copies that I happen to have.

I have an Alexander Graham Bell on cover dated February 12 from Chatham, N. B. The mystery as to how this beat the official first day of March 3rd is cleared up by the fact that this was in with a batch of others all dated about March 6th to 17th. My guess is that the clerk who ran the cancelling machine turned the month back when he was adjusting the date. This note may help to clarify matters if others have similar cancellations for ahead of the official first days—L. B. Hutt.

Postage Stamps

BY HERBERT BUCKLAND.

The overprint O.U.S. between vertical lines, reading up found on early British stamps, was a security measure used by the Oxford Union Society to safeguard the eighth commandment. At that time the Post Office was obliged by law to buy back any stamps that were presented for repayment. The Oxford Union Society being a powerful, influential, university society sought and obtained permission from the government to have a private overprint placed upon their stamps, this was applied by the printers Messrs Perkins, Bacon & Co., in the colour of the stamp. I do not know the exact date but I have a copy of the 1859 issue with the overprint. Later this overprint was placed on the back of the stamp.

According to Mr. Bertram McGowan, it appears that in 1866 Messrs J & C Boyd & Co., wrote to the Inland Revenue Office complaining that their office boy was in the habit of stealing stamps and obtaining from the Post Office their value. The Post Office had informed them that no objection would be taken to printing their name on the back of the stamps; but they found that the printing being over the gum, could be moved and the objectionable practice continued. They were informed that there was no objection to printing the stamps before gumming and accordingly they got in touch with Messrs Perkins, Bacon & Co., who told them the printing could be done without interfering with the face of the stamps.

About 1869 The Oxford Union Society was asked to have their overprint placed on the back. This was done with a wider space between the bars. Several other firms availed themselves of this privilege, among whom were Messrs Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co., who wrote to the Post Office in 1867 asking whether they could perforate their stamps with initials; but were informed that this could not be permitted. The following year Messrs Joseph Soper & Co., applied for permission to perforate stamps with the initials of firms. This was granted by the Postmaster General in 1868. After that date those who asked permission to print their names on the back of stamps were asked to have them perforated with initials instead.

W. H. Smith & Sons who had almost a monopoly of mailing newspapers, when the tax on newspapers, (by the payment of which the Post Office had to deliver free, if sent by post) was removed used newspaper wrappers with the embossed stamps current at that period. Their name and address neatly embossed around the stamp in a circle the same colour as the stamp.

Later on the practice of perforating initials became general. Many well known firms, railways, corporations and even the Government itself (Board of Trade Stamps.) availed themselves of this privilege. The practice has now been adopted in almost all countries and is very widely used as a security measure.

In view of the origin of the practice of perforated initials, and the present epidemic of collecting stamps perforated O.H.M.S., one is at a loss to understand why they should be termed Officials. Particularly when the authorities responsible for perforating ran them through inverted, sideways, right way up, any old way at all as long as they were perforated. They are in the same class as the Bell Telephone, C.P.R., C.N.R. or any other large firm or corporation, who uses this method as a safeguard against petty pilfering.

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METER NEWS AND NOTES

By M. L. Brown, Rutland, Sask.

A cover has come to hand bearing a British meter number NI68 with the town name of Liverpool and as well a "Paquebot Posted At Sea" cancellation. It was delivered to a Montreal address and is a most interesting and unusal combination. Information as to other similar examples would be welcome.

Again this year the slogan "Welfare Federation Red Feather Services" has made its appearance. Others of note are "Travel Manitoba Inside The Rim Of Adventure" from Winnipeg on Meter 54066 and 54086; "Lets Do It Together" from Toronto on Meter 140034; "Pasteurized Milk Is The Only Safe Milk" from Toronto on 38608; "Fight Cancer" from Regina on 83300; Fight Tuberculosis from Ninette, Man. on 84190 and "The Salvation Army Help The Red Shield Appeal" used by several concerns during September.

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Information on new town names keeps coming in thanks to the many readers letters. Also a special thanks goes to Bretton Perry, 240 Alpine Pl., Tuckabone, New York for the many new town names supplied from his collection. Here are some of those reported:—Nelson, B.C.; Trail, B.C.; Mission City, B.C.; Ninette, Man.; Port Elgin, N.B.; Woodstock, N.B.; Antigonish, N.S.; Ajax, Ont.; Port Colborne, Ont.; Simcoe, Ont.; Tecumseh, Ont.; Thorold, Ont.; Weston, Ont.; Cherrier, Que.; Chicoutimi, Que.; Kenogami, Que.; Lachute, Que., and Plessisville, Que.

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Just everything the issue may contain we won't even guess at this date. In all probability we will touch on highlights of this publication during the past ten years. We wish to have it as representative of the names and works of those identified with Canadian philately as possible. In other words a sort of abbreviated bibliography or directory of those identified with Canadian philatelic matters, and this journal in particular. Sounds like quite an expectation but that is our aim insofar as we can accomplish—within reasonable bounds.

We have already received a good many letters and articles for the issue, as well as reservations for advertising space. Perhaps it will not be possible to accommodate all who may wish to join us in the filling up of the pages of this One Hundredth Issue, but we can welcome a good many, as yet. Time is limited, however, and we would urge that all copy be in early in March. Late copy, we are afraid will not make the issue.

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1c EACH: 80, 82, 184, 185, 245, 253, 254, 255, 257.
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8c EACH: 63, 193, 209, 213, 232, 234, 258.
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12c EACH: 227, 248.
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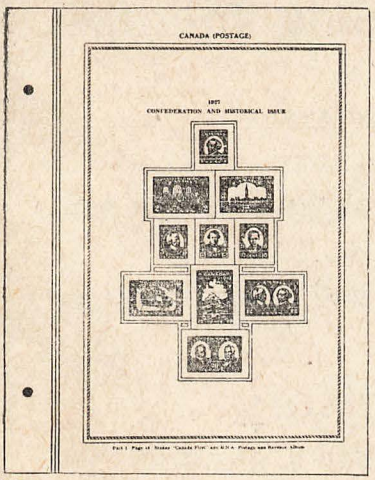

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E. W. Cooke, of Appleton Stamp Shop, Wisc., thinks Canada airmail stamps are undervalued, particularly when he had to write to 117 Canada and U.S. dealers for quantity blocks of 4 on each of the various emissions. He wonders if someone has a large holding of these.

Mr. Thos. Fletcher, of Prince Rupert, B.C. reports a new liquor excise stamp, Series D, letter pair KW., with a dark blue overprint 1942. On it is the monogram of the American Bank Note Co., and Mr. Fletcher infers that the New Series D would seem to indicate they will continue to print Canada's revenues.

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At 6.30 in the University Dining room 80 members and friends enjoyed a turkey dinner. President, Borth of Kitchener was present with six other members from the Grand Valley Club. Wm. C. Benson and Mr. Stockwell, two charter members of the London Club of 1893 were present. At 7.30 Auctioneer Bill Clark started the sale of 85 items. All brought good prices.

Next meeting of the club Tuesday, February 10th, is Chinese collection night.

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182	2c	dark brown ..	.14	.07
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Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the Y.M.C.A. and precede the monthly meeting of the senior club which is held the same evening. Membership has steadily grown with each meeting and the group has developed into an energetic and successful philatelic club.

This club has been sponsored by the senior club known as the Grand River Valley Stamp Club, Kitchener, and a committee comprising William Erbach, J. E. Kraemer and Dr. A. D. Campbell was set up early in the season to supervise the formation of the Junior Club. Representatives of this committee are in attendance at all Junior meetings and act in an advisory capacity.

It is the opinion of the G.R.V.S.C. that a well organized Junior club of this nature augurs well for the future of a Senior club. It is hoped that other philatelic clubs throughout Canada give thought to this idea.

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6	74	(50)	
7	74	(100)	
8	75	(28)	block
9	85	(10)	
10	87	(25)	
11	87	(20)	
12	88	(40)	
13	88	(25)	
14	96	(50)	
15	96	(25)	
16	98	(25)	
17	107a	(40)	block
18	112a	(18)	block
19	112	(25)	
20	126	(50)	
21	126a	(18)	
22	131	(50)	
23	131	(30)	
24	134	(26)	strip
25	135	(32)	block
26	143	(20)	
27	143	(50)	
28	144	(40)	
29	146	(40)	
30	153	(10)	
31	154	(20)	block
32	160	(22)	
33	180	(50)	
34	184	(35)	
35	184	(69)	block
36	193	(30)	
37	202	(30)	
38	203	(20)	
39	203	(10)	
40	204	(20)	
41	210	(30)	
42	211	(100)	
43	211	(50)	
44	213	(25)	
45	247	(30)	pl. bl.
46	247	(50)	sheet
47	253	(10)	
48	253	(30)	
49	265	(50)	strip
50	265	(100)	strip
51	265	(500)	roll
52	C3	(25)	
53	C7	(10)	
54	C7	(20)	
55	C7	(50)	
56	E6	(20)	block
57	E9	(50)	sheet
58	E9	(10)	
59	J5	(10)	
60	J5	(5)	
61	J7	(10)	
62	MR4	(10)	

NEWFOUNDLAND

Lot No.	Scott No.		
63	61	(10)	
64	66	(6)	block
65	69	(1)	
66	71	(1)	
67	78	(7)	
68	87a	(6)	
69	89	(1)	
70	117	(20)	
71	117	(50)	
72	127	(3)	
73	127	(5)	
74	127	(10)	
75	134	(4)	block
76	136	(3)	
77	140	(4)	block
78	149	(1)	
79	149	(5)	
80	150	(2)	
81	154	(1)	
82	154	(5)	
83	155	(1)	
84	160	(3)	
85	160	(5)	
86	160	(10)	
87	169	(3)	
88	169	(5)	
89	188	(3)	
90	188	(5)	
91	208	(10)	
92	208	(25)	
93	211	(2)	
94	211	(5)	
95	226-29	(1)	
96	226-29	(2)	
97	226-29	(3)	
98	230	(10)	
99	233-43	(1)	
100	233-43	(2)	
101	233-43	(4)	blk.
102	234	(10)	
102	234	(10)	
102	234	(15)	
103	235	(5)	
104	248	(5)	
105	248	(10)	
106	249	(5)	
107	249	(10)	
108	250-51	(3)	
109	250-51	(10)	
110	250-51	(25)	
111	251	(5)	
112	251	(10)	
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3.	98, 2c Carmine	100	5.00
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6.	146, 5c Violet	100	4.00
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